

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2554 – HB 3418

January 24, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes local education agencies (LEAs) to refuse re-enrollment or to expel any student over the age of 18 who is an alleged gang member and to have local law enforcement investigate the student to determine gang affiliation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

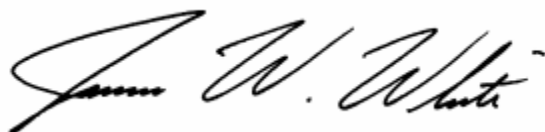
Increase Local Gov't. Expenditures – Not Significant/Permissive

Assumptions:

- LEAs have alternative courses of action such as sending students to alternative schools, therefore any expenditure for investigations and hearings is permissive.
- Once a director of schools makes a determination that a student not be enrolled or be expelled, a student has the right to a procedural hearing. LEAs would incur cost for hearings and investigations. Costs are estimated to be insignificant since the student population affected would be low.
- According to the Comptroller, it is not possible to determine how many students are 18-year-old and are gang members. Since the provisions in the bill are permissive, it is assumed that LEAs will not exercise this option if significant costs are involved.
- If an LEA decides to pursue an investigation, local law enforcement would be able to handle the cost within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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